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Mumps Case Reported in Johnson County

by KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) have reported a case of mumps in an adult who is a Johnson County, Kansas, resident. The case is associated with an ongoing outbreak of mumps at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.

Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus. After the introduction of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine, mumps became less common in the United States. From year to year, mumps cases can range from roughly a couple hundred to a couple thousand. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 4,258 cases have been reported in the U.S. as of Dec. 3, 2016, and seven states have reported more than 100 cases each. Mumps outbreaks are ongoing in the nearby states of Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Mumps typically starts with a few days of fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness and loss of appetite, followed by swollen salivary glands. Mumps can occasionally cause complications, including inflammation of the testicles or ovaries, meningitis, or encephalitis. Most people with mumps recover completely in a few weeks.

Mumps spreads through saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose, or throat. An infected person can spread the virus through the following:

- Coughing, sneezing, or talking.
- Sharing items, such as cups or eating utensils, with others.
- Touching objects or surfaces with unwashed hands that are then touched by others.

Mumps likely spreads before the salivary glands begin to swell and up to five days after the swelling begins.

"If you have symptoms of mumps, stay home for five days after you become sick, except to see a healthcare provider," said Lougene Marsh, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment Director.

In addition to staying away from others when you have mumps, you can help prevent the virus from spreading by taking the following precautions:

- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and put your used tissue in the trash can. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoiding sharing drinks or eating utensils.
- Disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, such as toys, doorknobs, tables, counters.

MMR vaccine prevents most, but not all, cases of mumps and complications caused by the disease. People who have received two doses of the MMR vaccine are about nine times less likely to get mumps than unvaccinated people who have the same exposure to mumps virus. However, some people who receive two doses of MMR can still get mumps, especially if they have prolonged, close contact with someone who has the disease. If a vaccinated person does get mumps, they will likely have less severe illness than an unvaccinated person.

"The best way to reduce your chance of getting the disease is by being vaccinated. Protect your children by making sure they have the MMR vaccine when they are 12 to 15 months old, and again before they enter kindergarten," said Dr. Susan Mosier, KDHE Secretary.

For more information about mumps, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/mumps/index.html>.

Deadline Approaching for Work Plans to KDHE Preparedness

by KDHE Preparedness Program



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Preparedness Program would like to remind grantees that the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Ebola Work Plans and Affidavits for Quarter 2 are due by January 15 to KDHE.Preparedness@ks.gov. If you have questions regarding your work plan or the affidavits, please contact Catherine Byrd at Catherine.Byrd@ks.gov or 785-296-5529.

Regional Public Health Meetings

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



The 2017 regional public health meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. The first quarter agenda includes a variety of topics: WIC Program and Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Updates, Dave Thomason, Deputy Director, BFH; More Choices, More Progress, a presentation from the WSU Community Engagement Institute Staff; and Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative with Catholic Charities. You will be able to register on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID#1068038.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, January 12
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, February 1
- Southwest Region, Garden City, February 8
- Northwest Region, Oakley, February 9
- North Central Region, Beloit, March 1
- Northeast Region, Topeka, March 14

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov

2015 Kansas Water Fluoridation Quality Achievement Awards

by KDHE Bureau of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment - Bureau of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas awarded twenty Kansas water systems with the 2015 Kansas Water Fluoridation Quality Award during the Oral Health Kansas conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. The awards are in recognition of the difficult work that is done every day to provide water in a consistent and professional manner to their communities.



This is an elite group that is able to maintain a consistently, high-quality water fluoridation practice throughout the year. Their diligence and good work as leaders in water fluoridation is appreciated.

Water fluoridation is recognized as safe and effective by numerous public health, medical, and dental organizations including American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, United States Public Health Service and World Health Organization. The implementation of community water fluoridation as prevention to dental decay has allowed communities to experience a dramatic decline in the prevalence and severity of tooth decay for over 70 years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention named community water fluoridation as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.

The 2015 Kansas Water Fluoridation Quality Achievement award recipients are as follows:

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| • Ellsworth Co RWD 1 | • Marais des Cygnes Public Utility Authority |
| • Fort Riley | • City of Marion |
| • City of Garden City | • City of Olathe |
| • City of Gardner | • Osage City |
| • City of Garnett | • City of Ottawa |
| • Kansas City Board of Public Utilities | • City of Pittsburg |
| • City of Lincoln | • Public Wholesale WSD 4 |
| • City of Maize | • Public Wholesale WSD 5 |
| • City of Manhattan | • City of Salina |

Congratulations on a job well done to the awardees.

Reno County Health Department Awarded NACCHO's Accreditation Support Initiative

by NACCHO



Reno County Health Department has been selected by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) as one of twenty-eight local health departments for the 2016 - 2017 Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI). ASI is made available by funding and support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. The ASIs are intended to stimulate quality improvement and promote the readiness of health departments to seek voluntary national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). As part of the ASI, NACCHO and CDC will provide sites with technical assistance, opportunities for peer-to-peer networking and access to national networks and resources. Project activities include efforts to meet the identified application requirements, achievement of PHAB standards and measures, and offsetting accreditation fees (up to 50 percent of the total fee). This initiative provides direct, targeted funding to recipients and demonstrates how relatively small amounts of funding can be of great interest and value to health departments in their accreditation readiness efforts. Documentation and other materials developed by ASI sites will be added to NACCHO's resources and shared widely. More information on this initiative can be found at www.naccho.org/asi.

National TRAIN Site Moves to New Platform January 30

by PHF TRAIN



Users who access TRAIN through the national portal at www.train.org will see the new TRAIN 3.0 look and learner functionality beginning January 30. These new features will be available to learners on the national TRAIN website at www.train.org and on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's CDC TRAIN affiliate site. The [TRAIN Learning Network's](#) 28 other state and federal affiliates, including Kansas, will launch their new branded affiliate websites throughout 2017.

Learners will be able to view a welcome video on the new TRAIN login screen and access tutorials and job aids. Additionally, the Public Health Foundation TRAIN team will be holding a webinar on January 26, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. to introduce TRAIN users to the new platform. Register for the webinar on TRAIN, course ID# 1067236. The webinar, titled The Evolution of Public Health Learning: Introducing the New TRAIN Learning Network Platform, will demonstrate new learner features, including:

- Mobile-friendly access, allowing learners to use TRAIN on a variety of devices
- Modern design that is easy to navigate
- Simplified account creation
- Improved advanced course search
- Streamlined learning record management, including transcripts and certificates
- Increased support, including video tutorials and easy-to-understand documentation

January's launch of the new TRAIN learner features represents just the first phase of the new TRAIN platform. The rest of the platform, including administrative functionality, such as adding and editing courses, reporting, and more will be released throughout 2017. More than 500 health professionals, training content providers, and partners have provided PHF and the TRAIN affiliates with feedback, ensuring that TRAIN continues to meet the needs of professionals who protect and improve the public's health.

Milk - A Clean and Clear Eating Option

by Midwest Dairy Council



As people make resolutions to improve eating habits, many are placing an increasing emphasis on selecting foods that are not only nutritious, but also clean. Research conducted by Midwest Dairy Council reveals consumers may not be aware milk meets both criteria. To help your clients and patients uncover why milk is the clear choice for healthy eating in 2017, check out their new [Clean and Clear](#) website section.

Kansas Health Matters Requests Feedback

by Kansas Health Matters



Kansas Health Matters invites partners to participate in a [short survey](#) about the Kansas Health Matters website. Even those who rarely use Kansas Health Matters are encouraged to provide their input. Kansas Health Matters will use the survey responses to better understand who uses the website, what aspects are most helpful and how the site can be improved. All responses are confidential and will only be reported in aggregate to ensure individual responses cannot be identified. Please take a few minutes to complete this short, ten question [survey](#).

NACCHO's PHEP Capability Resource for Local Health Departments



The National Association of County & City Health Officials has developed a [resource portfolio](#) combining various tools and resources on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) public health preparedness (PHEP) capabilities into a single, searchable reference guide. The [portfolio](#) contains a total of 347 vetted resources addressing ten of the CDC PHEP capabilities including Capability 2: Community Recovery; Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination; Capability 4: Emergency Public Information and Warning; Capability 5: Fatality Management; Capability 7: Mass Care; Capability 10: Medical Surge; Capability 11: Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions; Capability 12: Public Health Laboratory Testing; Capability 14: Responder Health and Safety; and Capability 15: Volunteer Management. Each of these capabilities has resources organized into three categories: fact sheets describing priority gaps, challenges and resource needs; cross-walk of needs and corresponding tools identified to address those needs; and a series of reference sheets. More information about the resource is available on the NACCHO [website](#).

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be January 24. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

Emerging Leaders in Public Health



by the Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for the second cohort of the Emerging Leaders in Public Health initiative. Emerging Leaders in Public Health is designed to develop local public health leaders in pairs. This team of leaders challenge and support each other, and build skills and competencies together. Each team is composed of a health officer or the top leader in the organization collaborating with a co-leader that has been identified as an emerging leader from the same organization. The team embarks on an 18-month, action-oriented experience to undertake projects designed to enhance organizational and leadership competencies in business, planning and public health systems development. This initiative equips local public health officers with knowledge and skills to transform the role of public health in their community.

In addition to receiving leadership coaching and development, each team receives a grant of up to \$125,000 to develop and implement a transformative concept designed to deliver a new model of public health for its community. A transformative concept points to a new role for public health in the community. For example, the concept may:

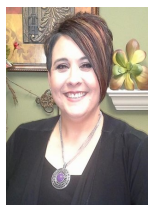
- Involve development of new products, new services, or the use of products or services in a transformational way
- Outline a new strategy for achieving health goals
- Serve to incubate new models/relationships/leadership in the community
- Intervene to improve data and/or workforce infrastructure

A transformative concept describes an inspiring vision, a future state, or a description of what success looks like for a community and an agency. It features what if ideas for how to get to that future success, even if the ideas are preliminary and conceptual. A transformative concept does not jump to conclusions. Resources and support will be provided to solve problems and execute the transformative concept as a part of the Emerging Leaders in Public Health initiative.

The application period for the second cohort of the Emerging Leaders in Public Health initiative opens on January 4 and closes on February 6. Interested applicants are encouraged to start the application process early. An informational webinar will be held on January 18 at 1 - 2:00 p.m. to answer questions about the application process. In order to apply for Emerging Leaders in Public Health, complete the [Statement of Interest Form](#) to receive a unique online application form. An [application packet](#) is available containing an overview of the initiative, a sample application form and Frequently Asked Questions. More information about the initiative is available [online](#).

Promising Practices Winner Announced for iPad Giveaway

by Kansas Health Matters



Kansas Health Matters would like to congratulate Stephanie Henry, IBCLC, BS(MT), CLE® from Neosho County Health Department for winning the iPad from the Kansas Health Matters [Promising Practices](#) submission contest, which was held during the month of November. The contest winner was chosen from a random drawing of entries received in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

Stephanie's promising practice highlighted the *Perfect 10 Project* which provides education and support for breastfeeding mothers. Kansas Health Matters would also like to thank the following individuals for submitting their innovative projects to the Kansas Health Matters promising practices database.

- Megan Carmichael, Citizens Medical Center
- Debbie Williams, Derby Recreation Commission
- Linda Hinnenkamp, Tammy Walker Cancer Center
- Lindsay Bogner, Elinwood Hospital and Clinic
- Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
- Brenda Bandy, Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
- Christi Smith, Child Care Aware of Kansas

These examples will enrich the Kansas Health Matters database of local promising practices and assist communities across Kansas in improving health and making a difference. Kansas Health Matters would like to thank each of the participants for their valuable contribution.

To learn more about the Kansas Health Matters promising practices database, please [click here](#).



January is Radon Action Month

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause in smokers. The Kansas Radon Program encourages local communities to raise public awareness about radon testing, mitigation and the use of radon resistant new construction. Find resources for your community on the Kansas Radon Program website at www.kansasradonprogram.org, including the [Environmental Protection Agency\(EPA\) Citizens Guide to Radon](#) and the [Quick 6 Kansas Radon Facts](#). For more information, contact the Kansas Radon Program's hotline at 1-800-693-5343.

ACCREDITATION CORNER

PHAB Report Highlights Measures in Domains 9 & 5 as Those Most Common in Action Plans



In the December 2016 - January 2017 newsletter from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the first in a series of regular reports was shared. These reports will focus on PHAB's findings from their analysis of accreditation data. PHAB's Research and Evaluation team is actively engaged in improving the accreditation process and better understanding the benefits of accreditation. As a part of this work, PHAB's Research and Evaluation team has analyzed the data generated through the accreditation process including trends in how health departments perform on the Standards and Measures.

Based on a review of completed Site Visit Reports for more than 170 health departments assessed under Version 1.0 of the Standards and Measures, the Research and Evaluation team identified several measures that are commonly assessed as either Not Demonstrated or Slightly Demonstrated and are often included in Action Plans. The team was able to identify reasons why health departments receive those assessments by reviewing the conformity comments within the Site Visit Reports.

Two of those measures are in Domain 9, related to performance management and quality improvement:

- 9.1.3: Use a process to determine and report on achievement of goals, objectives and measures set by the performance management system
- 9.2.2: Implement quality improvement activities

Measure 9.1.3 is sometimes not demonstrated because health departments do not provide documentation of how they analyze progress toward achieving goals and objectives or identify areas that require focused improvement processes. For Measure 9.2.2, the quality improvement activities submitted in e-PHAB do not always demonstrate implementation of the quality improvement plan. Sometimes examples that are submitted for these measures are related to clinical processes. For these and all measures, it is important for health departments to provide examples that are consistent with PHAB's focus on population health.

Two additional measures that are often assessed as Not or Slightly Demonstrated and included as requirements for Action Plans address the implementation of the community health improvement plan (CHIP) in Measure 5.2.4 and the implementation of the strategic plan (Measure 5.3.3). Health departments that are not able to demonstrate conformity with those measures often have new CHIPs or strategic plans and therefore have had limited time to be able to document how they monitor them. It is important to note that the Version 1.5 language around those measures provides more explanation of how health departments can demonstrate implementation of new plans. PHAB's Research and Evaluation team will monitor performance on the Version 1.5 measures once a greater number of health departments have been accredited using this version of the measures.

PHAB encourages health departments to carefully review all of the requirements for each measure when selecting documentation. If you have questions about interpretation of these or other measures, please contact your Accreditation Specialist or [Robin Wilcox](#), PHAB Chief Program Officer. For additional information about PHAB's research and evaluation work, please contact [Jessica Kronstadt](#), PHAB Director of Research and Evaluation.

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Funding Opportunities

HRSA Rural Health Network Development Planning Program - Deadline January 3



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has released notice of the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program grant opportunity. The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated health care network, specifically for entities that do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. Health care networks can be an effective strategy to help smaller rural health care providers and health care service organizations align resources and strategies, achieve economies of scale and efficiency, and address challenges more effectively as a group than as single providers. The Network Planning program promotes the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to: achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. The health care system is undergoing a significant amount of change and this can be particularly challenging for small rural providers.

The goals of the Network Planning program are centered around approaches that will aid providers in better serving their communities given the changes taking place in health care, as providers move from focusing on the volume of services to focusing on the value of services. This program will bring together key parts of a rural health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past under a formal relationship, to establish and improve local capacity and coordination of care. The applicant organization must be a rural nonprofit or rural public entity that represents a consortium or network of three or more health care providers. The program will support one year of planning with the primary goal of helping networks create a foundation for their infrastructure and focusing member efforts to address important regional or local community health needs. Additional information about the grant requirements is [available online](#).

CDC Public Health Associate Program - Deadline January 19



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is accepting applications for the [Public Health Associate Program](#) (PHAP). Applications are to be submitted January 3 - 19 from state, tribal, local, and territorial public health departments, non-governmental organizations and CDC quarantine stations to host a public health associate starting in October 2017. PHAP is a two-year training program designed to train and provide experiential learning to early-career public health professionals. It's a great opportunity to build your organization's internal workforce capacity and have an impact on developing the skills of the future public health workforce. Associates' salary and benefits are paid by CDC. The work of the associates is expected to provide value-added public health services to help the host organization meet their program goals and objectives.

PHAP developed a two-part technical assistance webinar series to provide an overview of PHAP and more detailed technical assistance for organizations interested in applying to host an associate.

- [PHAP 101: Overview of PHAP - Does My Site Want to Host an Associate?](#)
- [PHAP 201: Strategic Development of a Quality PHAP Training Experience - the CO-STAR Model](#)

PHAP strongly suggests interested organizations begin their host site strategy before applications open on January 3. The host site strategy must include proposed work activities, host site supervisor and training activities. For more information on developing a strategy and an application, watch the PHAP webinars. Please email questions to phap@cdc.gov.

NACCHO Request for Applications - Tips From Former Smokers Campaign - Deadline January 20



The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) is requesting applications from local health departments (LHD) to receive technical assistance to support, leverage and extend the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tips from Former Smokers Campaign. This opportunity is aimed at increasing LHDS' tobacco cessation rates. Through this project, in addition to grant funding of up to \$1,500, NACCHO will provide each LHD awardee with access to free multimedia campaign resources; free printed campaign resources; free printed tobacco resources for healthcare providers; technical assistance and capacity building support; and referral to national resources. NACCHO will host an optional webinar on January 11 at 2:00 p.m. to walk through the Request for Applications and respond to questions. Join the webinar [online](#); more information about the upcoming informational webinar and the funding opportunity is available [online](#).

2017 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here](#) to Access the Calendar



Captain Planet Foundation Environmental Learning Small Grants - January 31

The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. The goal of this funding is to support youth projects that allow hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities, serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation and must have all four of the following to be considered for funding:

- Be project-based;
- Projects must be performed by youth;
- Projects must have real environmental outcomes;
- Be based in the United States.

Captain Planet Foundation will accept small grant requests for amounts between \$500 - \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50 percent matching or in-kind funding for their projects. Captain Planet Foundation may choose to fund a portion of the project budget that best fits within the foundation guidelines or contact an applicant for further discussion.

Captain Planet Foundation funds may not be used for:

- Capital or building campaigns, purchase of real estate, or endowments
- General operating expenses or staffing salaries
- Beautification or landscaping projects
- Travel costs or field trips that are not an essential part of the proposed project
- Scholarships
- Expensive equipment that can only be used once, used only by a small number of children, or is principally being purchased for the general use of the school or organization beyond the stated needs of project.
- Promotional items such as t-shirts, flyers, postcards, or signage.

For more information about the grant, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit the [website](#).

Scholarships for Healthcare Badges are Now Available - Deadline February 10



Save 50 percent off the cost of any badge! Enroll in a badge course by February 10 to be eligible to receive a \$50.00 scholarship that will be applied to a \$100 badge course. Scholarships are limited to one per person. Wichita State University's online Badge courses are designed for busy professionals looking to increase their knowledge and gain new skills. Topic areas include Public Health, Breastfeeding and American Sign Language. The Care of Populations badges provide public health professionals the opportunity to increase skill development by addressing the Tier 1 National Public Health Domains and Core Competencies. The Breastfeeding badges are designed for individuals who desire to support and promote breastfeeding as a way to improve health outcomes. The American Sign Language badges prepare interpreters for the challenges and benefits of interpreting in healthcare settings. For a complete listing of available courses visit: badges.wichita.edu/badgcatalog.

What is the Badge Advantage? Badges:

- are affordable
- self-paced
- on-line
- an alternative for busy working professionals
- demonstrate knowledge, skills, or competencies
- can be shared on social media sites
- may be able to be used towards re-licensure.

Visit badges.wichita.edu for more details. For questions, contact Keshia Ezerendu at 316-978-7579 or workforce@wichita.edu.

CPR Savers AED Grant Program



CPR Savers
& FIRST AID SUPPLY

The CPR Savers Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program provides funding for AEDs. AEDs can literally mean the difference between life and death. The survival rates for those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest decrease by 10 percent with every minute that passes. In order to be prepared for these types of medical emergencies, having an AED on site as well as trained individuals who can use the device is critical. Due to the costs involved in purchasing and implementing an AED program, many organizations are seeking out AED grant programs that will pay for some or all of the AED. There are several opportunities out there for grants, including the CPR Savers AED Grant Program. Requests for AEDs and AED accessories can be submitted through the [online submission form](#) or through faxing or emailing the [PDF application](#) to 480-525-9570 or training@cpr-savers.com. If you have questions about the application, contact CPR Savers at 1-800-480-1277.

Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Grants Available - Deadline March 31



The Center for Sharing Public Health Services is offering up to five small grants to organizations that wish to explore, plan, implement or improve some aspects of cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) in public health. The opportunity is available for public health agencies, organizations representing policymakers with the authority to enter into CJS agreements or their designated agents. Proposals must fall into one of two categories:

- Proposals focused on the implementation of a specific CJS arrangement among multiple jurisdictions
- Proposals that are not linked to a specific CJS arrangement but otherwise contribute to the achievement of the Center's goals, which are described within the [call for proposals](#).

Eligible applicants focused on the implementation of a specific CJS arrangement must include a minimum of three jurisdictions of any size, or two jurisdictions if the combined population is 50,000 or greater. The jurisdictional size limit does not apply if the arrangement includes at least one tribe, includes a state health department or is between two frontier counties.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis from January 2 until March 31, or until all five small grants are awarded, whichever comes first. Awards will be up to \$10,000 for a project period of six months. More information about this opportunity is available on the Center for Sharing Public Health Services' [website](#).

Training and Conference Announcements

Webinar - Review of WIC Food Packages: Improving Balance and Choice Final Report - January 5



The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine is hosting a webinar on January 5 at 10:00 a.m. to review the Phase II report. The Phase II report is the last in a series of three reports by the National Academies' Committee to Review Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Food Packages. The review of the WIC Food Packages was conducted at the request of the United States Department of Agriculture to bring the Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for WIC Food Packages into alignment with the current dietary guidance. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Hospital Community Benefit Spending - How to Increase Investments in Population Health - January 10



The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is hosting a webinar on January 10 at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on increasing investments in population health through hospital community benefit spending. Each year taxpayers support at least \$25 billion in spending by nonprofit hospitals, most of it for patient services, including charity care. All nonprofit hospitals must report community benefit spending to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to qualify for tax exempt status. A new report from George Washington University outlines strategies that could incentivize more of that spending to support population health activities. The webinar will explore the laws governing community benefit spending, learn how changes in IRS rules could encourage more investment by hospitals in efforts to improve community health and explore what levers states have to engage on this issue. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - KDHE Preparedness Informational Webinar on Navigating KS-TRAIN Features - January 11



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Preparedness Program will be hosting a webinar on January 11 at 10:00 a.m. highlighting KS-TRAIN features that are useful for grantees. During the webinar, Debbie Nickels, the KDHE KS-TRAIN Administrator, will present steps to manage KS-TRAIN user accounts and transcripts, including the Emergency Management Institute-Independent Study certificates. Please [register](#) for this informational webinar prior to the event. Any questions about the webinar can be sent to [Elisa Nehrbass](#), KDHE Preparedness Program Training Coordinator.

Webinar - Obstetric Care Quality and Access for Rural U.S. Women - January 11



Rural Health Research Gateway is offering a webinar on January 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the quality of obstetric care in rural areas, the workforce providing obstetric care in rural areas and the predictors of non-local childbirth for rural women. The focus of this presentation is on understanding whether rural pregnant women have access to the care they need, and whether rural hospitals have the capacity to meet the needs of rural women and families. The webinar is free and registration is not required, but participation is limited to the first 200 to log-on the day of the webinar. In order to participate in the webinar, the link for joining is https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/gateway_webinar/ and the conference line number is 888-997-9863, participant code: 8157657. More information is available on Rural Health Research Gateway's [website](#). Questions regarding the webinar can be directed to Kristin Trelstad, Rural Health Research Gateway, at kristin.trelstad@med.und.edu.



Webinar - CDC's Antibiotic Resistance Investment Map - January 12

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will host a webinar on January 12 at 12 - 1:00 p.m. on the Antibiotic Resistance (AR) Investment Map. CDC has identified antibiotic resistance as one of the world's most pressing public health problems. The AR Investment Map is a public app providing information on CDC's key AR activities by state, including printable state fact sheets to provide transparency around CDC investments to combat AR. The webinar will include a discussion on the importance of antibiotics and the threat of antibiotic resistance, a brief overview of CDC AR investment strategy and a walk through the new AR Investment Map. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Disaster Behavioral Health Education: Education Fact Sheets to Enhance Preparedness and Response - January 18



The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) and their new director, Dr. Thomas Kirsch, will kick off the NCDMPH 2017 webinar series with the Disaster Behavioral Health Education: Education Fact Sheets to Enhance Preparedness and Response webinar on January 18 at 10:00 a.m. This webinar will be presented by one of the 2016 Disaster Health Education Symposium Poster winners, Joshua Morganstein, M.D. Commander, United States PHS Scientist, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress Assistant Professor, Assistant Chair Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine Uniformed Services University. The webinar is free and can be accessed through Adobe Connect at <https://usuhs.adobeconnect.com/ncdmphdisasterbehavioralhealth/>. The call in number is 1-888-537-7715 and the participant code is 39933371. The webinar will feature closed captioning.

Webinar - Integrating Health Impact Assessments via Environmental Policy Acts - January 19



**The Network
for Public Health Law**

The Network for Public Health Law is hosting a webinar on January 19 at 12 - 1:30 p.m. focusing on opportunities to imbed health considerations and Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) into environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related state environmental policy acts (SEPA's). HIAs can provide decision-makers with critical information to identify project alternatives or potential mitigation measures, broader effects on the environment and community and potential overall health impacts. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Working with Persons with Dementia Session - January 21



Oral Health Kansas is sponsoring a session on January 21 at 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Wichita on working with persons with dementia. The speaker, Rita Jaudon-Jablonski, Ph.D., CRNP, FAAN, will provide valuable insight on techniques to help dementia patients with oral care. This information-packed workshop will address the learning needs of dental hygienists by delivering concrete and practical material about working with people with dementia. Topics will include:

- The common faces of dementia (Alzheimer's dementia, vascular dementia, Lewy Body dementia, Parkinson's Disease dementia, frontal-temporal dementia);
- The Why behind the What: how specific changes in the brain promote refusals, tall tales, agitation, illusions and hallucinations;
- Overview of common medications used (both appropriately and inappropriately) in persons with dementia, and how these medications may impact care delivery by dental hygienists;
- Clinically-tested techniques to prevent triggering behavioral and psychiatric symptoms of dementia, and to promote acceptance of dental hygiene examinations and procedures;
- Resources (including free mouth care videos on YouTube) to share with colleagues and family caregivers.

Please [register online](#) by January 17; early registration is encouraged as the course is expected to reach capacity quickly. Three continuing education credits are available for the session.

Webinar - Breastfeeding in the Community: Leveraging Funds & Partnerships for Sustainability - February 22



The National Association of County & City Health Officers (NACCHO) will be hosting the fourth webinar in the Public Health Breastfeeding Series on February 22 at 1 - 2 p.m. The webinar will address how local health departments (LHDs) and community based organizations (CBOs) can amplify the impact and longevity of community breastfeeding promotion and support programs through skillful leveraging of funds and partnerships. In addition to an overview of the public health significance of leveraging to advance community health goals, participants will receive functional insight from front-line public health practitioners on their organizational experience leveraging finances and partnerships to implement community breastfeeding projects. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Navigating Rural Health Resources February 28



The Office of Primary Care & Rural Health will be hosting a webinar on February 28 at 12:30-1:30 p.m. to provide information on a number of resources available. The featured speakers will include a representative from the Early Detection Works Program and from Blue Cross Blue Shield's Blue Health Initiatives. Please register for the webinar [online](#). For more information, please contact ralhealth@ks.gov.




Antimicrobial Stewardship Cluster Webinar Series - January and February

Kansas University Medical Center Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be offering a series of webinars throughout 2017 as a part of its Brown Bag Webinar Series. All webinars will be held at 12 - 1 p.m. The first webinar cluster of the 2017 Clinical Series will be the Antimicrobial Stewardship Cluster. The webinar sessions will be held on January 17, 24 and 31 and on February 7 and 14. Registration will be made available for each series. An individual may register to view the cluster on their own as the sole participant for \$50; organizational registration for an unlimited number of participants is \$100. All individuals will receive a continuing education certificate if continuing education is appropriate for that session and their discipline, otherwise the participants will receive a certificate of attendance. Continuing education credit is issued based on a completion of a verification attendance form for each session within the cluster. Other topics within the Clinical Series in 2017 will be Things that Bite, Sting and Other Summer Related Health Issues Cluster, Mental Health Cluster, Geriatrics Cluster, Chronic Disease Management Cluster, Trends and Risky Behaviors of Adolescents and Young Adults Cluster and the Immunotherapies Cluster. For more information on the Brown Bag Webinar Series contact the AHEC Statewide Office at 620-235-4040.


2017 Tobacco Treatment Specialist Core Certification Training

The University of Kansas Medical Center is partnering with Healthy Communities Wyandotte to bring the highly reputable Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training from the University of Massachusetts to Kansas. The TTS Core Training is an intensive, evidence-based training program designed for those who deliver moderate to intensive tobacco treatment services. The curriculum was designed to address a set of core competencies for tobacco treatment specialists defined by the [Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence](#) (ATTUD). The in-person training will be held on March 28 - 31 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Kansas City. Prior to the in-person training participants must complete a nine module online course. Fifteen scholarships are available for those who work in behavioral health settings in Wyandotte County. Questions about the program or registration can be addressed to Amanda Grodie at AGrodie@kumc.edu or 913-588-2761. Continuing education credits are available for [select disciplines](#).

Addressing Tobacco Use in Kansas: The Brief Tobacco Intervention

 The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Health Promotion has made a new online training available on [KS-TRAIN](#) for health care providers focusing on strategies for effectively addressing tobacco use with patients in less than 3 minutes. The online course, KanQuit!: Tobacco Intervention, [Course ID# 1063295](#), also provides health care providers with information about the Kansas Tobacco Quitline. The Kansas Tobacco Quitline is a free, state-of-the-art tobacco cessation service. Continuing education units are available upon completion of the course for a number of different health professionals.

USDA Updates WIC TRAIN Courses

 The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) WIC courses available on TRAIN have been updated. There are a total of seven courses, five updated and two new courses. You can view them all in the [WIC Learning Online Training Plan](#), or each individually:

- WIC 101 (2016), Course ID# 1067703
- Communicating with Participants (2016), Course ID# 1067701
- Feeding Infants: Nourishing Attitudes and Techniques (2016), Course ID# 1067704
- WIC Breastfeeding Basics (2016), Course ID# 1067700
- WIC Baby Behavior Basics (2016), Course ID# 1067706 - NEW
- Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA) (2016), Course ID# 1067702
- VENA: Connecting the Dots Between Assessment and Intervention (2016), Course ID# 1067705 - NEW

All users who were In Progress in previous versions of the five updated courses and who had opted in to receive emails from TRAIN have been notified that the course is no longer available and were provided with the Course ID of the new course. All users who were In Progress in these five courses will be withdrawn from those courses. A special thank you to Brad Bradley and the Virginia Department of Health for hosting these modules on behalf of the entire TRAIN Learning Network.

Preparedness Program Develops Ebola Online Course



The Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed an online course, [KDHE: Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases - Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures, Course ID# 1067247](#) to meet public health workforce competency requirements and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Local Public Health Ebola Supplemental Grant deliverables. The course is also beneficial for new employee orientation training, or as a refresher for healthcare personnel. At the conclusion of the one hour training you will be able to apply the proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the Ebola virus and other infectious diseases.

NACCHO Offers Online Management Essentials Training



The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) is offering the Management Essentials Training Series. The Management Essentials Training Series has been tailored for local health officials and offers a fresh perspective and broad introduction to the three critical topics of strategic planning, successful people management and fundamentals of financial management. The training series will be delivered in 60 to 90 minute segments with a total of approximately ten hours of instruction per each of the three courses. NACCHO encourages local health department staff with one to three years of experience who are seeking additional management training to enroll in these trainings.

The courses are being provided by NACCHO at no cost. However, as space is limited, participants are strongly encouraged to sign up early and to sign up for a single course at a time. Courses will begin on Monday, January 23, 2017. For more information on the content of the individual courses and to register, visit the NACCHO [website](#).

Navigating Rural Health Resources Webinar Recording Available



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Office of Primary Care & Rural Health has made a recording of their most recent Navigating Rural Health Resources webinar available for those who were unable to attend. The webinar includes information on important services through KDHE's Lead Hazard Prevention Program and the Bureau of Oral Health. The recording can be accessed [online](#). Please direct any questions on the content to ruralhealth@ks.gov. The Office of Primary and Care & Rural Health also welcomes any suggestions or ideas for future Navigating Rural Health Resources webinars.

New KDHE Approved Online Courses Available to Child Care Providers



New subject matter experts in the Bureau of Health Promotion and the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics have partnered with the KS-TRAIN team in the development and posting of three new online courses to the learning management system KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. The new courses each have one clock hour available as a learning activity for the child care workforce. The new online courses are:

- [Let's Move! Child Care \(Day Care Homes\): Promoting Physical Activity in Early Childhood Education \(1064944\)](#)
- [Let's Move! Child Care \(Centers\): Promoting Physical Activity in Early Childhood Education \(1063970\)](#)
- [KDHE: Carbon Monoxide Awareness Training \(1065557\)](#)

To access a complete list of Kansas Department of Health and Environment approved KS-TRAIN courses [click here](#).

Webinar - Youth Wellness: Interventions from Home to School



In case you missed it, the *Youth Wellness: Interventions from Home to School* webinar was recorded and is now available to view. Midwest Dairy Council has made the archived webinar available to view by following this [link](#). This webinar has been approved for 1 CEU for School Nutrition Association professionals and the Commission on Dietetic Registration. The 60-minute presentation addresses how environmental and developmental factors influence children's food preferences and examines school nutrition intervention programs and strategies that work well in the school environment.

News and Resources

Why Are So Many Americans Dying Young?



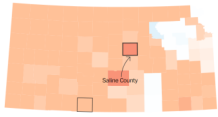
For the first time since the 1990s, Americans are dying at a faster rate, and they're dying younger. A [pair of new studies](#) suggest Americans are sicker than people in other rich countries, and in some states, progress on stemming the tide of basic diseases like diabetes has stalled or even reversed. The studies suggest so-called "despair deaths" - alcoholism, drugs, and suicide - are a big part of the problem, but so is obesity, poverty, and social isolation. American life expectancy fell by one-tenth of a year since 2014, from 78.9 to 78.8, according to [a report](#) released last week by the National Center for Health Statistics. As [The Washington Post reported](#), the last time the life expectancy went down instead of up was in 1993, during the throes of the AIDS epidemic. Meanwhile, the number of years people are expected to live at age 65 remained unchanged, suggesting people are falling ill and [dying young](#).

Resource - Midwest Dairy Council's Nutrition Resource



Visit the new Resource Center at MidwestDairy.com for a variety of free resources including downloadable handouts, infographics and webinars to support your dairy nutrition and youth wellness education and outreach efforts.

White Women Are Dying Faster All Over the Country - Washington Post's Unnatural Causes Series Explores The Trend



The Washington Post has a [series of articles](#) exploring the trend of rising death rates for white women in midlife and the forces driving this trend. The role of drugs, alcohol, marketing and lax federal oversight are covered in the series. As a part of the series, there is also an [interactive map](#) that allows readers to look at the change in death rates for white women since 1999 in their own county; the map was developed based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data. In Kansas, the two counties with the largest increases in the death rate for white women are Saline and Reno counties. Riley County had the largest decrease in the death rate for white women since 1999.

Rural Communities See Spike in Babies Born Addicted to Opioids

BECKER'S
Hospital Review

The number of [U.S. infants born](#) with neonatal abstinence syndrome - a term encapsulating the host of health problems newborns experience when their mothers use opioids during pregnancy - increased five-fold from 2000 to 2012. This surge is partially attributable to the rapidly rising rates of maternal opioid use in rural communities, according to a recent study published in [JAMA Pediatrics](#).

U.S. Preparedness Lags

Miami Herald

The [nation's response](#) to health emergencies like bio-terror attacks and natural disasters is slow, shorter-term and underfunded, according to a [new report](#) on emergency preparedness. The [Trust for American's Health](#), a public health advocacy group, said a lack of ongoing planning and resources left holes in the budgets of other health priority programs - such as hepatitis C and measles outbreaks - from which money was borrowed but rarely fully restored. The trust's [annual report](#) found that many of the upgrades to bio-defense system made following the 9/11 attacks, the anthrax scare and the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina have eroded in the name of frugality.

Study Finds Zika Virus Replicates and Persists in Fetal Brains and Placentas



The Zika virus can make thousands of copies of itself in fetuses' brains and in the placentas of pregnant women, which may help explain how the virus causes devastating birth defects and pregnancy losses even if a woman had only a minor illness. A [new study](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the first to show Zika virus RNA (genetic material of the virus) replicating in brain tissues of infants with microcephaly who later died and in placentas of women who suffered pregnancy losses.

Stronger 'Superbugs' Expose Lack of New Drugs to Fight Them



REUTERS

Lethal bacteria are [showing resistance](#) to more and more antibiotics, and financial and legal hurdles are making it harder than ever for science to create effective new drugs. It's been 30 years since the discovery of a new class of antibiotic has hit the market. Each class is defined by its chemical structure, which determines how it kills bacteria. The longer an antibiotic is in use, the more time bacteria have to develop resistance to it. Thirty-seven antibiotics are currently undergoing clinical trials, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts, which keeps track of the U.S. pipeline. Most, however, are based on existing drugs. While these derivatives are cheaper and easier to develop than new classes of drugs, bacteria have a head start in developing resistance to them.

Go to Wrong Hospital and You're 3 Times More Likely to Die

The New York Times

Not all hospitals are created equal, and the [differences in quality](#) can be a matter of life or death. In the first comprehensive study comparing how well individual hospitals treated a variety of medical conditions, researchers found that patients at the worst American hospitals were three times more likely to die and 13 times more likely to have medical complications than if they visited one of the best hospitals. The [study](#), published in mid-December in the academic journal PLOS One, shows "there is considerable variation in outcomes that really matter to patients, from hospital to hospital, as well as region to region," said Dr. Thomas H. Lee, a longtime health care executive who was not involved in the research.

Home Visiting Program Tied to Reduced Health Care Use in Infancy

HealthDay
News for Healthier Living

Children who were part of a [universal home visiting program](#) involving nurse and parent educators had a one-third lower risk of being admitted to the emergency department by age 1 and a 41 percent lower likelihood of visiting a primary care provider at least nine times, compared with those who weren't assigned to the program. The findings in [Pediatrics](#), based on a randomized clinical trial involving primary care-givers and their first-born youths, also showed reduced infant health care use among both high- and lower-risk families who had the program.

The NATION'S HEALTH
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